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TO: MR. EDWARD SUTTELL
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1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ADVISED BY DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE (DIC) THAT AS RESULT OF SUBMISSIONS BY U.S. EMBASSY AND OTHERS, PLUS STATISTICAL AND FORWARD-ORDER CONFIRMATION OF DECLINING IMPORT LEVELS, PETITIONERS SEEKING PROTECTION AGAINST TIMBER IMPORTS WERE CALLED INTO DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. UPSHOT IS THAT PETITIONERS WILL BE RESUBMITTING THEIR REQUEST FOR PROTECTION. DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS BELIEVES IT HIGHLY LIKELY THAT REVISED SUBMISSION WILL NOT REQUEST PROTECTION AGAINST IMPORTS OF NORTH AMERICAN TIMBER SPECIES, AT LEAST IN MAJOR CATEGORIES OF SAWN TIMBER. BECAUSE OF HOLIDAYS, REVISED SUBMISSION WILL NOT BE READY UNTIL END OF JANUARY. IT WILL THUS BE AT LEAST MID-FEBRUARY BEFORE DIC DECIDES ON BASIS OF NEW SUBMISSION WHETHER TO SEND A REFERENCE TO TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY.

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2. DESPITE THIS ENCOURAGING NEWS, IT WOULD NEVERTHELESS BE WELL FOR PACIFIC LUMBER EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION TO HOLD IN READINESS TESTIMONY FOR POSSIBLE SUBMISSION TO TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY, AGAINST POSSIBILITY THAT A REFERENCE IS MADE AND THAT IT INCLUDES NORTH AMERICAN TIMBER SPECIES.

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